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14 JUL 1983

Honorable Michael S. Dukakis
Governor, Commonwealth of Massachusetts
Executive Department
State House
Boston, Massachusetts 02133

Dear Governor Dukakis:

I have received your letter of June 1, 1983, requesting direct financial support to the City of New Bedford for public education and community relations activities relative to the PCB contamination problem in the New Bedford area.

The Environmental Protection Agency is in agreement with the Commonwealth that public participation and local government involvement is crucial to successfully implementing remedial actions in New Bedford. The Agency has given your request full consideration. However, there is no provision in the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act for direct funding to localities for such programs.

The New Bedford Remedial Action Master Plan (RAMP), prepared by EPA in close coordination with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Quality Engineering and the Interagency PCB Task Force, recognizes the need for such a program and, therefore, has incorporated a Community Relations Program in the RAMP. The Program is specific for New Bedford and includes: public meetings, briefings with local government officials, establishing local Superfund document repositories, formal public hearings, and other activities.

We feel that this continuing program, in conjunction with existing committees and task forces involved in the New Bedford PCB problem, will ensure public participation and provide for local government involvement.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, feel free to contact me at (617)223-7210.

Sincerely,

Michael P. Deland
Regional Administrator

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